

# Tuning Up!

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After the festivities of the holiday season have faded and bleak winter sets in, a celebration of the new season is in order. So let's ring in the New Year with our annual

## JANUARY JAMBOREE



January 23rd, Saturday evening at 6pm

POT LUCK DINNER AT THE WALTZERS HOUSE

(all details inside)

## Announcements & Calendar

### MUSIC MARATHON 2015 HUGE SUCCESS!

#### RAISES OVER \$9,000!

A resounding BRAVISSIMO to all teachers, students and volunteers.

The weekend of December 5th & 6th was a huge success. The Rockland County Music Teachers Guild again showcased our talented students in the 13th Annual Music Marathon held at the Palisades Center Mall. Not only did our young musicians perform beautifully, but they managed to collectively raise in excess of \$9,000. The proceeds will again go to fund Helping Hands of Rockland.

A note of thanks goes to our teachers and their students who participated: Marie Cowen and her untiring efforts towards pre marathon preparations, also Fredrica Wyman, Marie Cowen, Gregory Aslani, Susie Covello, June Fischer, Rhoda Forte, Bette Glenn, Marilyn Hazan, Tammy Lum, Barbara Malagraph, Mary Peden, Victoria Persion, Laura Seaton-Finn, Stefani Starin, Kikue Swensen, Rosemary Waltzer, John Ward, and Fei Zhao. Thank you to the Palisades Mall for giving us a wonderful performance area. Thanks to Forte Piano for donating a beautiful Schimmel grand piano for the 3rd year.

Thank you to our piano technician, Jerry Cohen, for generously giving his time, tuning the instrument so beautifully. A very sincere thank you to our talented Steve Cohen, for performing during the down times and keeping up the tempo of the marathon. Congratulations to our top fundraisers, Maggie Sheridan, student of Marie Cowen, who raised \$1000 and Kip Bonsignor and the Clarkstown High School South, Chorus Ambassadors, raising \$1460.

The biggest note of thanks goes to our 215 talented young students. The marathon was a beautiful montage of entertainment, from classical, popular, show tunes and holiday music. Pianists, vocalists, string and woodwind instrumentalists filled the mall, transforming their performance area into a lovely concert space. What a pleasure to see our youngsters perform with confidence, pride and excitement. They are truly an inspiration to us all!

With best wishes to all of the participants and members of the Guild, for a New Year filled with good health, happiness, peace and the joyful sounds of music.

All the best in 2016!

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hazan, Event Chairperson

### Letter from the president: Fredrica Wyman

Happy 2016 to you all! I've had a nice break and am ready for the month that is often more productive than any other in my studio: yay January! I've scheduled a repertoire class for late in the month just to reinforce that it is time to get down to business. Just over the horizon is the season of auditions and performances, and it always comes sooner than I expect. See you all at Rosemary's - and at our Spring programs and events.

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## Calendar for 2016

**January 23 (Sat) at 6 PM-** January

Jamboree at the Waltzer's home.\*

**March 2nd (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

Roundtable Open Discussion on Piano Pedagogy issues Rockland Conservatory

**April 6th (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

Jennifer Eyges presents 'Vocal Technique and Training.' Rockland Conservatory

**May 1st (Sunday) all day**

RCMTG Auditions at the Rockland Conservatory

**May 4th (Wed.) 10 a.m.**

"Beyond the Page" with Judith Thomas at Rockland Conservatory.

**May 15th (Sunday) afternoon**

Blue and Gold Recital of our audition winners at Rockland Conservatory

**June 1st (Wed) 11:30 a.m.**

Annual Luncheon at Lynch's Restaurant in Stony Point.

### JAMBOREE DETAILS

Please RSVP by January 18 to Rosemary Waltzer at

Rosescorf@gmail.com. or call 845 634 7928

Let her know what you would like to bring in the way of food or ask her for some suggestions for the menu. Bring your music and if any- one needs a ride, please just ask.

\*The Waltzer home is in New City- 16 Sandusky Road which is the first left hand street off Ridge Rd. which is a left off Rt. 304 going North. The last traffic light before you reach Route 9W is Ridge Road.

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